Works Department, it will not only facilitate the satisfactory completion of the work but also encourage the ryots to undertake such contracts. In the case of Harnahalli, Midnapura and Hulikere tanks, work was done more than a year ago but no payment has been made.

Reply of Government.—Instructions will be issued to make payments promptly.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Personal service of notices of demand for land revenue.

Messrs. Sherid Hussain Saheb, Mohamed Imam Sab and Sankarappa, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rules under the Land Revenue Code provide that service of notices of demand for land revenue, either on the land or the residence of the khatedar, is sufficient to take further action in the matter. By this, many persons ignorant of the rules lose their lands. The rules may therefore be so amended as to make personal service necessary.

Reply of Government.—Service on land is effected if the defaulter cannot be found and the procedure cannot be altered.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Arrangement for speedy disposal of revenue cases.

Mr. Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present there is no means of knowing the number of revenue cases that are received at the several offices of Amildars, Assistant Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Revenue Commissioner and the Government in a year, the number disposed of during the year and the number pending disposal with reasons therefor.

It is prayed that the submission of a monthly return showing the above particulars be insisted upon by every officer to his immediate superior so that proper scrutiny may be exercised to avoid delay. The records relating to the Kempapurada Nala have been pending for more than 10 years.

Reply of Government.—Returns have been prescribed which show pending cases and the reasons why they are pending and cases of inordinate delay are also taken notice of when the records are submitted for orders.

SUBJECT No. 143.

Taking earth from kharab lands and leaves from forest trees for manurial purposes.

Mr. Ranganna, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The soil of the older coffee estates is exhausted. In order to increase the fertility of such soil, it is desirable to manure them by way of putting fresh soil by removal of earth from kharab lands close by, and also by putting leaves from forest trees. Pray that permission be granted to remove earth from gomal lands and leaves as stated above for manurial purposes.

Reply of Government.—Earth cannot be allowed to be removed from gomal lands and the existing rules contain sufficient provision for removing it from kharab lands.

SUBJECT No. 144.

Encroachments on Government kharab lands by garden owners in the malnad.

Mr. Puttanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For the use of garden lands in the malnad, garden owners dig up earth from Government *kharab* lands adjacent to their gardens. The area from which the earth is taken may be caused to be

measured once in five years and granted them free of charge.

Mr. C. Subba Rao.—The gardens are generally found at the bottom of valleys. It is necessary to dig up the sloping hill. A small area is cleared and dug every year. When the extent is about two or three guntas, areca trees are planted therein. In many cases these have been treated as encroachments and fines have been imposed. It will be too hard to require a garden owner to apply for a part of the hill as dry land in anticipation of his converting it into a garden and pay the assessment until the trees begin to yield. He has to spend much labor on it and assessment may be imposed only after the trees have begun to yield.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered. The subject requires investigation.

SUBJECT No. 145.

Only one copy of Village Account Form No. 9 to be prepared.

Messrs. Nadig Subba Rao, C. Vamana Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Village Accounts Manual does not require two copies of the jamabandi goshwar accounts (Form No. 9) to be prepared. The preparation of two copies of the account is being insisted on only in practice and may be ordered to be discontinued.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done as one copy is necessary for reference in the taluk and the other has to be kept by the shanbhog.

SUBJECT No. 146.

The joint patta.

(1) Messrs. Gundappa, Nagamangala taluk; K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam taluk; M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote taluk; Linganniah, Mandya taluk; Krishnasastri, Somasetti, Yalakki Gowda, Krishnarajpete taluk; Sankarappa, Malvalli Municipality; Sankarappa, Anekal Municipality; Nadig Bhaskara Rao Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Under the rules now in force, joint pattas are prohibited. When one of the joint pattadars dies, the name of the deceased is eliminated from the khate and that of the survivors retained. This leads to deception being practised on the heirs of the deceased pattadar, who are forced to resort to civil courts to establish their rights. The above practice is a source of great loss and involves much personal inconvenience to the heirs of the deceased pattadar. It is therefore requested that the old joint patta system may be allowed to continue.

(2) Messrs. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad taluk, and B. Alsingra Char and Payanna, Hassan Municipality.

(2) The transfer of patta from a joint khatedar to another is not permitted for the reason that there will be an increase in joint khatedars. But when the joint khatedar is willing to transfer his khate to the name of another, then there is no such increase as is now stated. Pray, therefore, that such transfers of khate be allowed.

Reply of Government.—The question of providing some recognition of sub-shares in a survey number has been promised to be considered and if this is done it will meet the representation.

SUBJECT No. 147.

(*a*) The patta form.

Messrs. C. Vamana Rao, Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The present patta form is inconvenient for noting receipts of assessment from the ryots for the following reasons :—